



**The panelists with Columbus Council on World Affairs President and CEO, Patrick Terrien (far right). This event was co-sponsored by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies and the Columbus Council on World Affairs.**



**The Mershon Center for International Security Studies partnered with the Columbus Council on World Affairs to host a panel for its members titled: A Current Events Symposium: U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East.**





**Panelist Rick Herrmann, right, is the director of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. On his left is Peter Mansoor, Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History.**



**Panelist Sabra Webber, left, is Associate Professor of Comparative Studies and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures speaking to the audience at the Athletic Club of Columbus.**



**Panelist Georges Tamer, right, is the M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC).**





**From left to right: Sabra Webber, Associate Professor of Comparative Studies and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Peter Mansoor, Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History, Richard Herrmann, Distinguished Professor of Political Science; Director, Mershon Center.**



**Over 120 attended the event held at the Athletic Club of Columbus located in downtown Columbus. The panel was held on May 24, 2011. Panelists analyzed the issues surrounding the recent uprisings in the Middle East including Tunisia, Egypt, Bahrain, and Libya. Participants discussed the historical background, forces driving change, and implications for the future of democracy in the Middle East and U.S. policy toward the region.**